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# City rejects inspection proposal

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

An ordinance requiring occupancy permits for all residential buildings in Granite City was defeated Tuesday by the City Council. But the plan is scheduled to be reconsidered by a council committee later this month. A provision that would have required building inspections for single-family, owner-occupied homes was a sticking point for some

## Council to reconsider housing permit plan

aldermen. But the plan still lost by only a 7-6 vote.

Building inspector Glen Hollis proposed the plan that would require owners of all homes — including new ones — to have their homes inspected whenever the occupancy changes. An inspection, with a \$15 fee, would be required before gas and electrical

services could be turned on.

Currently, all owners of rental property in Granite City must obtain a \$25 occupancy permit usually after an inspection — each time there is a change in tenants. Single-family, owner-occupied homes have been exempt from the inspection and permit requirement.

The proposed amendment to the city's occupancy code would eliminate the exemption for single-family, owner-occupied dwellings from the occupancy permit requirement. Under the plan, every building in the city would be inspected each time the occupants changed.

The plan calls for any change in occupancy — including changes in owner-occupied, single-family dwellings — to require written notification to the city inspector or building inspector. Permits would be required before utilities could be turned on.

Proponents said the change would ensure safe living conditions in homes. Opponents said it would place unfair and unnecessary hardships on

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESI)

**History alive** — Nolan O'Neil fires a blank round from a matchlock musket as part of a demonstration given for students at Grigsby Middle School. O'Neil, a rendezvous enthusiast, is dressed in the style of a trapper from the Colonial period. The students had just finished studying the period in their history class, and teacher Allen Harris arranged for O'Neil and a few other "mountain men" to come show them how the people they studied had lived. See Page 5A for more photos.

## Property tax levy will increase slightly

### But homeowners should pay less

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

Even though Granite City is increasing its property tax levy, property owners should end up paying less to the city next year.

Granite City is levying for \$2,996,504 in property taxes for the current fiscal year. The levy is an increase of \$18,025 over the amount levied for last year and a 1.2 percent increase over the amount of property taxes actually collected by the city in 1994. But the amount levied for is a \$21,000 decrease from the amount the city collected in 1993.

Several aldermen balked at the \$18,000 increase Tuesday night, but then were pacified by City Comptroller K.P. MacTaggart, who explained that the higher levy would not translate into higher taxes for city property owners. An anticipated increase in the city's assessed valuation should mean that the city's tax rate will not increase, according to figures provided by MacTaggart.

"It is so important that we hold down the taxes on real estate," Alderman Casner Skubish said, adding that lower property taxes create an incentive for new residents and businesses to move into the city.

But Alderman Craig Tarpoff explained, and MacTaggart confirmed, that the \$18,025 increase in the levy would not raise the city's property tax rate.

"This \$18,000 is going to be more than offset by new development in the city."

— Craig Tarpoff,  
Alderman

"This \$18,000 is going to be more than offset by new development in the city," Tarpoff said.

Each year, MacTaggart computes the levy by taking the previous year's assessed valuation, multiplying by \$1.85 per \$100 of assessed valuation and subtracting about \$605,000 — the amount the city levied for library purposes in 1989 (before the library formed its own taxing district).

The result is usually a tax rate of about \$1.30. The rate varies depending on the change in the city's assessed valuation.

"We're trying to maintain a rate that will not increase anybody's taxes," MacTaggart said. The only way that the city's portion of a homeowner's property taxes would increase is if the homeowner made improvements to the property and it was reassessed at a higher value.

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## Building problems found

# Madison city hall plan delayed

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Madison city officials will be renegotiating with the owner of the proposed new city hall because of problems found during a building inspection.

At Tuesday's meeting the council authorized City Attorney Casper Nighohossian to renegotiate the purchase of the Lahey-Sedlak Funeral Home at 615 Madison Ave.

The vote was 7-1, with Alderman Norris Horton voting against it.

Horton has been critical of the new building purchase.

"My vote is always 'no' on that city

hall," he said Wednesday. "It's a boondoggle and it's not needed."

The action was taken after the council met in executive session with real estate agent Janet Partney. The building is owned by Bob Thomas of Granite City.

City officials said that an inspection of the building ordered at the last council meeting showed several problems with the building, including a roof that may have to be completely replaced.

In October, the council approved the purchase of the building. The cost was set

at \$120,000, with renovations expected to bring the total cost to \$300-400,000.

Part of the cost of renovation — work required to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act — would be paid with a \$107,000 grant from Madison County Community Development.

That grant was originally to be used to install an elevator at the present city hall, located at 1529 Third St. The elevator would have made the council chambers and other offices on the second floor handicapped accessible, but there were problems with tying the elevator into the existing building, city officials said the cost was more than expected.

The city plans to move both city hall and police offices to the new location.



Nighohossian



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESI)

**Honored** — Stephen Konkovich, chairman of the Greater Granite City War Memorial, presents a flag flown over the USS Arizona to Mildred Joyce of Granite City. Joyce's brother, Eugene Morley of Madison, was serving as a fireman second class aboard the battleship when it was sunk during the Pearl Harbor attack on December 7, 1941; he was the first casualty from the Tri-Cities Area in World War II.

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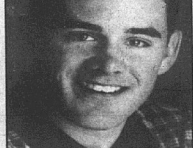
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## Top Teen

A GCHS senior, Mark Hewlett was on Homecoming Court, is secretary of the Student Council, an ALPHA peer leader, recipient of American Youth Foundation "I Dare You" leadership award, and participates in National Honor Society, secondary honors, football, basketball, track and Science and Varsity clubs. He has worked for the American Cancer Society, the high school renovation bond issue and the Christmas Basket program. He designed and constructed a wetland area for the outdoor classroom.

The son of Tom and Pat Hewlett, he was named Elks Student of the Month in August.



Mark Hewlett

## News in review

News in review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is designed for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record/Journals.

### Transit plan discussed

Madison County residents will soon have a chance to tell county and transit district officials just what kind of a transportation future they want.

On Thursday the Madison County Transit District Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing an agreement with the county to develop a long range transportation plan.

Booker, Willis & Ratliff, a Kansas City consulting firm, would prepare the study covering everything from airports and light rail to bike trails over the next 20 years.

### Wife indicted in death

A 36-year-old Granite City woman allegedly murdered her husband in his sleep last month in order to collect the proceeds of a large amount of life insurance.

A Madison County grand jury indicted Paula Miles on a first degree murder charge Thursday for allegedly shooting her husband, Paul, Nov. 8.

### Board overrides veto

In what appears to be becoming a standard practice at the Pontoon Beach Village Board meetings, Mayor Glen Wilson vetoed two board actions, only to have those vetoes overridden in 4-2 votes.

A proposal to eliminate several supervisory positions in the police department passed at the last regular board meeting, and a requirement that three people — the mayor, clerk and treasurer — all sign checks, approved at a special meeting Nov. 17, were vetoed by Wilson at Tuesday's meeting.

### Parolee charged in stabbing

A 27-year-old Pontoon Beach man who allegedly stabbed another man in the chest at a downtown Granite City tavern early Sunday morning was on parole after serving half of a 10-year prison sentence from a 1990 rape conviction, police say.

Robert J. Champion, of the 3400 block of Lake Drive, was charged with aggravated battery in a felony warrant issued Monday. Champion was in police custody Monday and being held on \$75,000 bond. His parole was also revoked.

He is alleged to have stabbed Craig A. Reedy, 25, of Madison, once in the chest at about 2 a.m. Sunday outside Serrano's Lounge, 1413 20th Street in Granite City.

### Homes to be demolished

The demolition of derelict houses on Chouteau Island is expected to begin soon, but the fate of the property is still up in the air.

During the Flood of 1993, residents were forced to evacuate the island when it was inundated, and 41 buildings were destroyed. As part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's hazard mitigation program, the properties were purchased by the county using a federal matching grant.

The total project cost is \$1.1 million.

### Venezia could get 20 years

Four defendants have been found guilty of participating in an illegal gambling business in one of the Metro East's most publicized trials in years.

A federal jury in East St. Louis returned with the verdict Saturday, its third day of deliberation in the 10-week trial of B&I Vending, B&I owner Thomas Venezia, 52; Venezia's wife, Erin Griffin, 23; Venezia's former wife, Sandra Nations, 39; and Art Mowe, 63, of Caseyville.

The defendants were tried in U.S. District Court in East St. Louis on a variety of federal charges.

# Drug policy change approved

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Changes in a recently-enacted drug policy were approved by the Madison County Council after negotiations with union officials.

The council approved a less severe discipline for workers found under the influence of alcohol or drugs during random testing.

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those buying a house.

Hollis said the change is needed because of a number of unsafe living conditions existing in owner-occupied homes.

During an inspection of one owner-occupied home last summer, Hollis said, he discovered live wires hanging loose in the attic, outlets wired with lamp cord, a furnace with holes in the heat exchanger and air conditioner that would not hold freon, receptacles stuck in the wall without boxes and other unsafe conditions.

In response to aldermen who said the proposed inspections would duplicate services required by law on many home sales, Hollis said the faulty furnace and air conditioner mentioned had previously been inspected and approved by a local heating and air conditioning contractor.

He said Belleville, O'Fallon, Cahokia, Madison, Venice and Pontoon Beach have similar ordinances.

But opponents said the measure could be expensive for those who had recently pulled together enough money to finance a home purchase.

"We're socking it to the poor buyer who just financed the purchase and may have to come up with another \$5,000 to get the work done (to pass inspection)," said Alderman Bob Shipley.

Alderman Mac Warfield said he thought the proposal was to affect rental property only, not owner-occupied homes.

Alderman Craig Tarpo, chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee, and Mayor Ron Selph both said the proposed change is a good one.

"It is a bit of security for people moving into Granite City to know that the home has been inspected and is safe," Tarpo said.

Selph said Illinois Power once did an inspection on a home he was selling and found a carbon monoxide problem.

"I had to buy a new furnace," Selph said. "But I'm glad they found it. That probably saved some people's lives."

"If it can save one life, it is worth it," said Alderman Brian Fuzessery.

Hollis said the measure would require an additional part-time inspector, but not cost the city more money because those employees do not receive benefits and are paid a percentage of the inspection fee.

A permit fee of \$15 for single-family, owner-occupied dwellings would have been required with each change in occupancy. The fee for all other premises remains \$25.

Page, Warfield and aldermen Casmer Skubish, Kim Affolter, Foster Frederick, Lurton Pulley and Nancy Sanders voted against the proposal.

Voting in favor of the plan were Tarpo, Fuzessery, Shipley and aldermen Nick Petrillo, Alan Crider and Bob Cook.

Shipley and Petrillo said they had some concerns about the plan, but thought it merited further discussion.

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# Plant developers seeking air permits from IEPA

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Developers of the proposed \$75 million energy plant in Madison are expected to file air permit applications with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency this week.

If the effort is successful, developer Michael Vrtis said, a permit would be issued in 10-12 months, and construction on the plant would begin soon after. The construction phase would probably last 18-24 months.

Vrtis, of STRV LLC, a subsidiary of the Connecticut-based STRV LLC, said this phase of the project is the "very technical and detailed"

part of the permitting process. As part of that process, the IEPA will hold a public hearing on the proposed plant's emissions.

While preparing to file the emissions permit, Vrtis is also waiting for a ruling from the Illinois Pollution Control Board on an appeal of the plant siting by the Madison City Council.

Opponents of the plant filed the appeal with the IPCB in Chicago, and a hearing has been scheduled for Jan. 8 in Collinsville.

John Papa, an attorney representing the company, has filed a motion to dismiss the appeal, claiming it was filed after the deadline. The IPCB must rule on the motion before the hearing at either its meeting today or Dec. 21.

In a related matter, Vrtis also said the company was still looking for a location for a facility that would process waste wood for fuel for the plant.

The plant would process approximately 300,000 tons of waste wood into fuel pellets. The process would also produce an estimated 45,000 tons of other recyclable material.

It would also double the number of jobs at the plant.

In November, Vrtis and Bob Kirby of Westmoreland Energy, a new partner in the project, said they were negotiating with the Norfolk and Southern Railroad for the purchase of approximately 67 acres adjoining the energy plant site.



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By **RICK REED**  
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A contract for deed is a sale contract between the seller and the buyer whereby the seller allows the purchaser to pay for the home over time. The seller does not deliver the deed to the buyer until the end of the bond for deed period. If the buyer should default during the term of the bond for deed in many cases, depending upon the buyer's equity in the property, the seller will keep the entirety of the payments and the title to the home will revert to the seller.

In one recent case, the seller owned two homes and was in a difficult position financially. He was anxious to sell one of the two properties. The potential buyer could not obtain bank financing, and the

parties entered into a contract for deed (bond for deed). The buyer paid no money down on the property because he did not have sufficient cash to make a down payment. After making payments for six months, the buyer defaulted on the property.

The seller went to court on a forcible entry and detainer, and the judge awarded possession of the property to the seller. The seller also kept the entirety of the payments that had been made during the six-month period. However, the seller was forced to make repairs to the property because the buyer destroyed the property during the term of his possession. In addition, the seller had to pay attorney's fees to go to court to regain possession of the property.

The lesson to be learned from this example is that a seller in a bond for deed situation should obtain a substantial down payment before selling the property under a contract for deed. Because of the possibility of default and due to the potential for making repairs, a seller could wind up "in the hole" if a substantial amount of money is not paid as a down payment in a bond for deed sale.

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# Opinion

## County explores drug abuse program

(The following editorial is from the Alton Telegraph.)  
Solutions are few in the continuing fight against drug abuse and crime.

That's why it is refreshing to see Madison County officials considering a new drug court program to help first-time offenders.

Supporters of the program are going to Portland, Ore., this month to participate in a four-day seminar. The plan is to find out how such a program works and bring home the ideas for implementation.

Among the participants is Madison County Chief Criminal Judge Edward Ferguson, who has seen his share of drug cases during many years on the bench.

He is supervising the county's program and stresses that it is being done in tandem with several law enforcement and health officials — civil servants who know the dangers of drug use firsthand.

The Madison County group will be among 30 teams in Portland.

The program is the first of its kind in Illinois. Job and life skills would be taught to nine participants in addition to providing drug treatment. Violent offenders and drug dealers will have no place in the program.

First-time offenders will be given one chance to go through a 120-day treatment program. They will be subject to urinalysis and frequent trips back to court for progress checks.

The key elements of the Madison County judicial system — Ferguson's office and the Madison County state's attorney and public defender — will cooperate and the county has budgeted about \$600,000 for next year.

Officials expect to treat between 200 and 250 clients a year.

Any method of treatment that has a chance for success must be considered before incarceration. The jail and prison ranks are too swelled now to accommodate more inmates.

We need to welcome all new approaches with an open mind. The idea here is for quick implementation, which is good. In the world of drug abuse, many first-time offenders don't get a lot of second chances.

## Merchants count on strong holiday sales

Merchants recently set off the official rush for Christmas. But what kind of a rush will it be? Signs in recent weeks say it may be more bear than bull.

Retailers' earnings reports were lackluster in the weeks leading up to the biggest selling season of the year, and forecasts are pretty much unanimous in their prediction that the last few weeks of the year won't be much better. At the same time, merchants are unanimous in their hopes for an instant end to the economic malaise.

It's hard to cheer people on to the checkout lane when they are low on cash or high on debt — or both. After all, it's only in recent years that spending-conscious consumers have come to realize the hazard of deficit spending, a habit punishable by years of high-interest paybacks. Buyers are starting to spend less and concentrate on their debts, and justifiably so.

Still, a lot of jobs are at stake in retailing. Witness the past year, when the economic climate fostered a series of mergers, bankruptcies and layoffs that left thousands of people out of work.

November was a particularly bad news month. Kmart Corp. announced it would close seven more discount stores: Stride Rite Corp., 48 stores; American Eagle Outfitters, seven stores; and the Merry-Go-Round, Cignal and DeJaiz chains, a combined 375 stores.

As individual buyers of goods and services, there is little we can do to shore up the gross national product. But we can have some impact on our own communities. Foremost, we can make an effort to spend our money at home. Even if what we spend this year is less than last, at least we can invest it where we live. Sales tax comes back to our communities based on what is spent in them. Such investments keeps a local economy thriving and tells other people and businesses that this is a good place to locate.

Merchants know what is at risk. The holiday sale signs went up earlier than ever this year. To them, the jingle bell season just won't be the same without some jingle in the cash register.

— From the Alton Telegraph

Then last week, when Dec. 1 showed up (far too quickly) I realized I hadn't even purchased cards and, as we're reminded on a daily basis, there were only 25 days 'til the Big One. My card list is somewhere in the area of 70-75 and I don't send cards to people I see on a regular basis, but the kicker is that more than half the list requires, at the least, a quick note, and at worst a letter. Therein lies the problem.

Once upon a time, I wrote a good personal letter. No longer. Certainly not 30-odd letters in a two-week span of time.

And like everyone else, I've discovered it's far simpler to pick up the phone. I've



## Letter writing gone with the wind?

For more years than I care to count, I've been quite vocal in deploring the trend of starting the Christmas season prior to Halloween. Very mouthy and more than a bit smug.

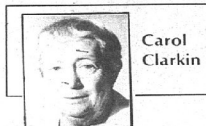
Give the other holidays their due, say I. A throwback to childhood, I guess. Now I'm not so sure.

At Thanksgiving, when Chris complacently told me she'd written and addressed all her Christmas cards and completed most of her Christmas shopping, I thought (not for the first time), "Like mother, nothing like daughter."

Then last week, when Dec. 1 showed up (far too quickly) I realized I hadn't even purchased cards and, as we're reminded on a daily basis, there were only 25 days 'til the Big One. My card list is somewhere in the area of 70-75 and I don't send cards to people I see on a regular basis, but the kicker is that more than half the list requires, at the least, a quick note, and at worst a letter. Therein lies the problem.

Once upon a time, I wrote a good personal letter. No longer. Certainly not 30-odd letters in a two-week span of time.

And like everyone else, I've discovered it's far simpler to pick up the phone. I've



Carol Clarkin

narrowed my regular correspondence down to about five people.

About once a year to my old friends Liz, in Paris, and Martina in Santa Barbara (with an occasional phone call, but on a limited income, I'm not apt to call France for idle chit-chat). My favorite niece in Ohio, my two aged aunts. My cousin Rog, with whom I have a deal — no Christmas cards, but a couple of off-season letters a year and, if either of us feels the need, a phone call.

As I write this column, I'm way overdue in writing all of them.

Whatever happened to the lost art of letter-writing?

I'm not talking about those pompous, sage-advice epistles. Lord Chesterfield used to pen. Just simple, newsy, dashed-off communications that once were commonplace. Gone with the wind?

I run across some I've saved, now and then. Checking a reference in a book recently, I found a short note from my Aunt Helen, written in 1992 and

apparently in response to a question I'd asked about one of her cousins. Why did I keep it? I honestly don't know, except that I must have wanted the information for some purpose long forgotten, but was amused by her typically blunt and gossipy descriptions of not only three of her cousins (one was "gay and pleasant; we all liked her", one was alcoholic and another "a spoiled brat"), but also their progeny. The letter sounded exactly like Helen and I'll keep it.

When my mother died, I found among letters she'd kept, two that I've stashed away myself. One was written by my father in 1906, when he was age 11, to his uncle Fred Rabb.

Uncle Fred, a young attorney who was then cutting his legal teeth on the staff of the Attorney General's office in Washington during the Theodore Roosevelt administration, had (in the company of several other young staff members) attempted to crash Alce Roosevelt's wedding to Nicholas Longworth.

He didn't succeed, but apparently Dad was under the impression that Fred had been jailed for the effort. Among other things, Dad wrote, "We read in the paper that you tried to get in without an invitation. We also read that

every young person got a piece of cake to sleep on, if you got any, please send me a piece. I hope they did not keep you in jail so long that you did not get any of the good things to eat at the wedding. Did Mr. and Mrs. Longworth look very pretty?"

The other letter, dated July 9, 1917, was to Dad, from his grandfather, Joseph Madison Rabb, expressing pride and pleasure in Dad's enlistment in the 1st Iowa Artillery. The letter, on his law practice stationery, was apparently dictated (since it was type-written) and, incidentally, postage was only two cents.

The content (almost Chesterfieldian) in addition to the pride and pleasure, noted that my great-grandfather did not admire the choice of the artillery (he'd been a cavalry soldier in the Civil War) and warned Dad about the temptations along the prairie road to a young soldier conceivably might traverse. One gets the impression of wine, women and song, though he spelled out only alcohol.

Dad saved those letters all of his life.

I doubt that I've ever written even one letter that would have been worth saving. But I do know one thing. Starting in '96, I'm going to start those Christmas notes sometime around Halloween!

## Letters to the editor

### Theft spoils food giveaway

TO THE EDITOR:

Since 1990, Don's Hardware and Supplies has had a holiday food basket giveaway. This was done for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

This year, we are sorry to inform the people of the Tri-Cities area that we will be unable to continue the holiday food basket giveaway. Recently, it was discovered that \$2,000 was missing from the money set aside for this program. This amount represented the majority of our budget.

We are truly sorry that we will be unable to help those that need it at this special time of the year. It is our hope that others in our great community will step forward and fill in for us this year.

Again, please accept our deepest regrets.

May your holidays be a safe and blessed one.

DONALD CAUGHIRON  
Granite City

### Phone sales disturb peace

TO THE EDITOR:

I bought a couple of phones. Had to.

I pay the bill regularly.

As a reward, every huckster in the western hemisphere can call me at any hour of the day or night to sell me merchandise that I don't want, surely don't need, and/or can't afford.

Meanwhile, our Congress, which might be able to outlaw telemarketing, is busy studying the lasting effects of real butter on boiled rutabagas, or how large a tax

Thousands of volunteers worked tirelessly in this effort. Thanks to each of you who gave your time, talent and dollars, we were able to raise more money than ever in the history of United Way campaigns. Because you cared, you have given hope a chance to the one out of every three people in this area who are helped by the 140 health and human service agencies supported by the United Way of Greater St. Louis.

You have demonstrated once again how generously our community responds when it comes to helping others. For the lives you've touched and all that you've given — I'm heartfelt thanks.

ANDREW B. CRAIG III  
1995 United Way Campaign

cut Ross Perot needs to balance his budget.

In the unlikely event that I ever purchase anything over the phone, I will initiate the call, with spousal permission, of course.

No sale.

THOMAS RANDANT  
Collinsville

Schools hurt by violence

TO THE EDITOR:

Our nation's future leaders are those children who are sitting in today's classrooms. Unfortunately these future leaders are growing up in an educational system plagued by violence.

Positive changes are needed to instill in our children the idea that a world of tomorrow could and would be a better place to live.

One of the most depressing aspects of the school system in the United States is the degree of violence that has plagued the educational system.

Our schools are being forced to have security guards both inside and outside of school buildings. They also are being forced to keep most inner and outer doors locked, for the fear of unwanted visitors freely roaming the hallways.

A possible solution to these problems would be to initiate a program to man the schools

with parents and other volunteers to watch over the children as they pass from class to class.

The use of hall passes is necessary for students to circulate throughout our schools and in some cases even to use the restrooms.

Schools presently are installing metal detectors to check for hand guns and other weapons when the students arrive for school. Our children need to feel a sense of security when they attend school. They need to be emotionally prepared to study and not be bothered by school violence going on around them.

At the Langton Avenue Elementary School in California the students have a new meaning to the fire bell.

When the students hear the bell they know to proceed back to their classrooms and take cover. The ringing of the bell is a signal that there is gunfire outside the elementary school.

Unfortunately, our nation's future leaders may be facing the possibility of an educational breakdown or even a school system in chaos due to violence in our classrooms.

Hopefully, positive changes will come through our education system to provide these future leaders with the hope of a better tomorrow and a sound educational environment.

Our classrooms need to become a learning center and not a battleground.

JADA HERNDON  
Caseville

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# People

## 'Mountain men' help bring history to life

After students in Allen Harris' history class at Grigsby Middle School finished studying the Colonial period, Harris decided to treat them to a demonstration of some of the activities they had studied.

Harris arranged for Nolan O'Neil and a few other "mountain men" — history enthusiasts who recreate the activities of early American life — to come to the class to show the students how the people they had studied lived.

At right, from left, Michelle Miller, Clint Phillips and Jeremy Tankersley listen as Bill Thomas relates to them the type of life a trapper would have faced in the wilderness between the Mississippi River and the Rocky Mountains in the early 1800s. Below, Stephanie Riskovsky and Brandy Lassen watch as O'Neil demonstrates how to start a fire by making sparks with flint and steel onto the fibers from twine.

(Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)



Nila O'Neil describes life on the frontier from a woman's perspective to Grigsby students, from left, Laura Kanadulski, Megan Bilyeu, Jessica Miller and Courtney Bosworth.



Sarah Davis listens to Nolan O'Neil talk about frontier life in Colonial times.



Terry Johnston describes travel conditions in the late 1700s and early 1800s to a group of students including Josh Middleton, left, Brian Lane, center, and Andy Elliff as they look over the gear a trapper had to carry with him to survive in the wild.



Nolan O'Neil prepares to add the priming powder to a matchlock musket before firing off a blank charge to demonstrate how it works. Behind him are students, from left, Denise Mueller, Randy Jones, Billy McGraw, Jamie Gavinsky and Kristin Orsborne watch the procedure.

## Program helps low-income elderly obtain medication

By Bill Hunot

It's a matter of life and death. Millions of older Americans must choose between buying food and buying the prescription drugs they need every day. Medicare doesn't help with prescription drugs. And not everyone qualifies for Medicaid. But there is another program that can help.

Many drug manufacturers give away their products to older people who cannot afford to pay for them. Each manufacturer has different rules and procedures for applying for this assistance, but all of them require that the recipients need help to pay for their medications.

An information paper is available that lists the names and addresses of participating drug manufacturers, medications covered and the

procedures used to determine eligibility.

A free copy is available from Social Security Public Affairs, 12140 Woodcrest Executive Drive #106, St. Louis, Mo., 63141.

People who have trouble figuring out the procedures for obtaining medications can get help from Community Leaders Assisting the Insured of Missouri (CLAIM). Although CLAIM does not decide who can qualify for the assistance, it will help interested seniors write to drug manufacturers to apply for the assistance programs. Call CLAIM at 1-800-390-3330.

Q. I applied for Social Security disability benefits this summer. I was turned down. Would it be better for me to appeal this decision or to start all over with a new application?

A. Appeal. An appeal can reverse the first decision on your claim, but a new application cannot. That's because failing to request an appeal means, in effect, that you agree with Social Security's decision.

If you file a new application, and you're found disabled, you can be paid benefits only for months after your first application was denied. If you request an appeal, and you're found disabled, you could be paid back-pay based on your first application.

You can request an appeal within 60 days of a decision. Call 1-800-772-1213.

Q. In Orange County, California, they are planning to discontinue

payments of welfare benefits to convicted criminals. Is there any plan to bring this kind of cutback to the federal system?

A. Social Security and Supplemental Security Income payments are suspended while criminals are incarcerated. I'm not aware of any proposed legislation that would restrict payment of federal benefits to criminals who have been released from jail.

Q. Why is the U.S. government borrowing money from the Social Security system, and why is it not paying it back?

A. Social Security is required to invest reserves in U.S. government securities. That is the only way the

government can borrow or take money from Social Security.

The investment is safe: U.S. government securities are the safest in the world.

It is also lucrative: Social Security will earn over \$31 billion — an average 8 percent return — from its investments this year.

The government has always paid off when Social Security redeemed its securities. Social Security will begin redeeming its current investments in 2012 when hundreds of billions of dollars will be needed to pay benefits to the baby-boom generation.

Address questions for Bill Hunot to West County Publications, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo. 63131.

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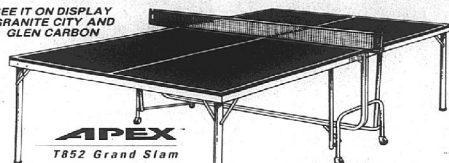
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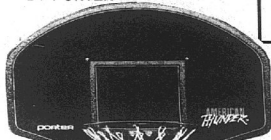
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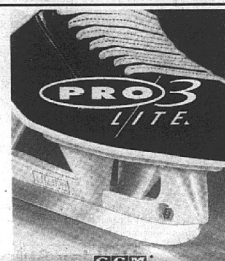
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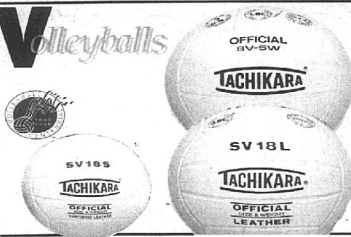
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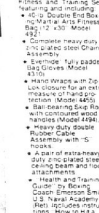
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## Humane officer change is OK'd

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Changes in record-keeping and who would dispatch and have control over the village humane officer were among matters dealt with by the Pontoon Beach Village Board Tuesday.

At a special meeting Tuesday, the board approved a motion to make Village Clerk Mary Rowden responsible for health insurance matters for all village employees.

She will also keep a list of all village employees, including hiring dates.

In the past, the clerk's office has been responsible for all employees except the police department, which kept its own records.

The board also approved placing the village's humane officer under the control of the police department.

There had been discussion at the last regular meeting of placing that position under the village clerk's office, but several people commented that the police department was staffed 24 hours per day and would be better suited for dispatching the humane officer.

The board spent much of the special meeting in executive session discussing pending litigation. "That took up the bulk of the time," Trustee Mike Macek said.

The board also discussed hiring a new part-time secretary for Mayor Glen Wilson, but no action was taken.

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## Obituaries

## Thomas Miller

Thomas J. Miller Sr., 87, of Madison died at 8:44 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where he had been a patient for two weeks. He was born Oct. 22, 1908, in East St. Louis and had been a resident of Madison for most of his life.

Owner of Miller's Knights of the Klu Klux Klan Provision in Madison for 80 years prior to his retirement in 1967, he was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Madison, the Tri-Cities Knights of Columbus Council 1008, St. Stanislaus Lodge 1004 in Madison and St. Mary's Booster Club. He was a former member of the Madison Lions Club and the Meat Cutters Local.

Mr. Miller was one of the original Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree members in the area. He received a 50-year pin from the Knights.

Survivors include two sons, Thomas Jr. of Granite City and Dr. Jack J. Miller of Edwardsville; one daughter, Marlene Hart of Alton; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Olga "Dell" (Lorenson) Miller, who died in 1981; his parents, William and Rose (Kasada) Miller, two brothers, Edward and Walter; and one sister, Julie Pearce.

Visitation is from 4 to 9 p.m. Friday at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 Niedringhaus Ave. in Granite City, where the rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m., immediately followed by a Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Chalice service.

Services are at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 10th and Alton in Madison, with the Rev. Jim Keeney officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Arrangements by Irwin Chapel in Granite City.

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A homemaker, she was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City and an honorary member of Catholic Ladies of Illinois, which she joined May 1, 1961.

Survivors include three sons, Richard Michael Loyet and Thomas Loyet, both of Granite City, and Cecil Loyet, both of Granite City, and Bernadine Howell of Union, Mo.; 26 grandchildren; and 45 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oscar Joseph Loyet, whom she married Oct. 17, 1923; one son, Wilbur Loyet; her parents, Henry and Elizabeth (Meringer) Becherer; six brothers, Victor, Oswald, Emil, Herbert, Albert and Lawrence Becherer; and two sisters, Agnes Lager and Helen Becherer.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 3880 Maryville Road in Granite City, where a prayer service will be held at 6:30 p.m. today.

Services are at 9 a.m. Friday at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2806 Washington Ave. in Granite City, with the Rev. William Fisher officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

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Mr. Vandergriff was a grounds keeper with Golden Valley Trailer Court in Imperial, Mo.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Eugenia (Molohn) Vandergriff; one son, Joseph Vandergriff; two daughters, Michelle and Hazel Vandergriff; both of Desoto; his parents, Melvin Leroy Vandergriff and Hazel (Chamberlain) Vandergriff of Desoto; two brothers, Tom and Darin Vandergriff, both of Florida; two sisters, Darlene and Rhonda Vandergriff, both of Granite City; and two step-brothers, Allan and James Robson, both of Hadfield, Ark.

Services were Nov. 22 at Dietrich-Motherhead Chapel with the Rev. Charles Brannan officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

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Elizabeth Medical Center. She was born in Duncan, Miss.

Survivors include one son, Michael L. Crowder, a cook with the Park Grill Restaurant; two daughters, Pamela Crowder McKire of Dallas and Carolyn Brock of Omaha, Neb.; her mother, L.T. Crowder of Brooklyn; one brother, Charles Crowder of Chicago; and two sisters, Doris Middleton of Omaha and Eulge Garth of Brooklyn; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Lovejoy Temple Church of God in Christ in Brooklyn with the Rev. William E. Adams III officiating. Burial was in Sunset Gardens of Memory in Millstadt.

Arrangements were handled by Officiate Funeral Home in East St. Louis.

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who died in May 1994; her second husband, Arthur J. Fougereuse, who died in April 1995; and her parents, Gustave and Mabel (Will) Karer.

Services were to be held at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in New Albany. Burial in New Albany.

Arrangements by Kraft Funeral Home in New Albany.

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## Vanzo's reopens

The dry spell is over at a popular Edwardsville tavern.

Vanzo's Tavern resumed sale of alcoholic beverages Sunday after a two-week suspension of its liquor license. The business had been allowed to remain open as a restaurant from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily.

Mayor Gary Niebur levied a \$3,000 fine and suspended the license after alleged payoffs on video poker machines were brought to light during the investigation of a fatal shooting outside the tavern Oct. 18.

Tavern owner Vicki Vanzo-Stassi did not contest police allegations of gambling during a Nov. 17 license hearing before Niebur. She also faces a misdemeanor gambling charge.

"I'm sure she's delighted to be back in business," said Edward Moorman, Vanzo-Stassi's attorney in the license matter. She was unavailable for comment.

Niebur said he was writing to all city liquor license holders this week to remind them of laws relating to gambling.

"I'm asking for their adherence to the law and their cooperation in enforcement," he said.

Niebur declined comment as to whether there would be stepped-up enforcement efforts regarding gambling in taverns.

Joseph Pelan, 59, of Edwardsville is charged with first-degree murder in the death of 30-year-old James Dodson of Edwardsville. Pelan said a Vanzo's bartender inadvertently overpaid Pelan when he cashed in his points from a poker machine.

Police said Pelan refused to return the overpayment and was asked to leave.

— From the Alton Telegraph

## June Hendrickson

June (Elliott) Hendrickson, 74, of Pasco, Wash., formerly of Pontoon Beach, died at 2:47 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, 1995, in Pasco, following a lengthy illness.

Survivors include two sisters, Doris Butler of Richmond, Ky., and Vay Bag of Granite City.

Mrs. Hendrickson's remains were cremated.

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# Sports

Section B

December 7, 1995

GRANITE CITY PRESS-RECORD

## Lady Warriors beat buzzer, East Side 59-58

McMillan jumper lifts GCHS past Flyerettes

By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

Once again, Denise McMillan struck at the last second. For the second time this season, McMillan hit a jumper at the buzzer, this time sending the host Lady Warriors to a 59-58 win Tuesday over East St. Louis in their Southwestern Conference opener.

In the season opener against Mascoutah, McMillan pulled the same trick in a 46-45 win.

"YOU HAVE to have a lot of luck in this game, and a little bit of skill," said GCHS coach Chuck Kraus. "When we got the ball inbound with 13 seconds left, I called a timeout and set up a play."

"Of course, when we got the ball back in, we didn't run that play at all. But we got Denise the ball, and she hit the shot, so I guess things have a way of working out."

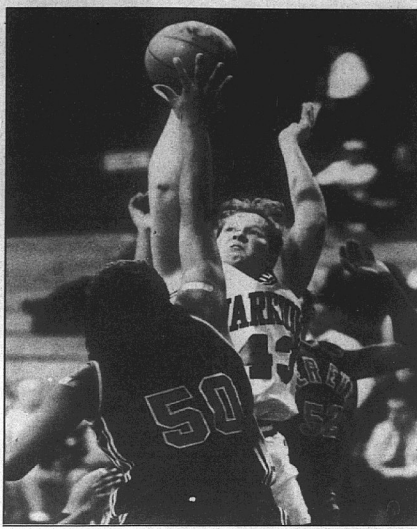
"I'm ecstatic about this win. We beat a good, good ballclub tonight."

But East Side coach Dennis Brooks isn't so sure of that.

"We had three girls in double figures, and we outscored them almost two to one," he said. "But we still didn't win the game. That's been our problem this year. We're finding ways to lose."

EVEN THOUGH THE Flyerettes' big three scorers — Sylvinda Brown (24 points), Sherita Watson (16) and Reneeka Gause (13) — each did their share of scoring, Kraus said it was probably his team's best defensive effort of the year.

"Carrie Simpson and Geeta Kumar both played great defensive games," he said. "Anna Tapp played the entire second half with four fouls, so she did a great job. And we (see LADY WARRIORS, Page 4B)



Denise McMillan goes up for the winning shot in the final seconds of Tuesday's victory over East St. Louis.

## GCHS skaters ice 8th straight M-S victory

By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

The Granite City Warriors took another big step to becoming the best team in the Mid-States Club Hockey Association's Tier II, defeating Marquette 5-3 Monday night at the Wilson Park Rink.

Mikal Guffey and Brian Loft each scored twice to lead the attack, and Tony Evans played well in goal again to pick up his fifth win of the year. The Warriors are 8-0 in Mid-States play.

THE WARRIORS HAVE passed every test thrown their way so far, and one has to wonder how long this stretch of good play can last.

"We don't want it to stop now," said assistant coach Will Connolly. "The players and coaches are all having a good time. But it's still business as usual come practice time and game time."

Marquette is comparable in skill to the Warriors. While some teams try to outmuscle or intimidate the Warriors, Marquette was content to skate with Granite City.

But Marquette did try a strategic maneuver against the Warriors.

"THEY ARE a very good team, with lots of good, quick skaters," Connolly said.



Tony Evans  
GCHS goalie

"Apparently they thought we were a pretty good offensive team, because they put their best player on defense."

"But we told the guys to just go at him at the point, and we had guys skating around him all night. After a while, they put him back on offense."

Granite City staked itself to a comfortable 3-0 lead in the first period. But as the Warriors are prone to do, they let Marquette back in the game and led only 3-2 at one point. "We didn't want to see it get (see SKATERS, Page 3B)

## Wrestlers pin down three titles

By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

The high school wrestling stars of the future, better known as members of the Granite City Wrestling Club, are up to their old tricks.

The team traveled to Palos Heights, Ill., last weekend for the Ken Gordies Memorial Tournament. With over 650 wrestlers on hand, it presented quite a challenge.

BUT GRANITE City returned with three champions, one second-place wrestler and five third-place finishers.

"There were 75 clubs represented in all, mostly from Illinois," said Granite City coach Allen Kirgan. "We took 13 wrestlers from Granite City, so it was quite a tremendous achievement to do well in this tournament."

George Kirgan placed first in the 13-14 year 165-pound division, and Gary Oxford won the 95-pound division. Alan Winters grabbed a title in the 8-and-under division.

"George was named as outstanding wrestler at the tournament, and he beat last year's champ 6-1 in their match," Allen Kirgan said. "Gary looks unbeatable at this point. It's going to be hard for anybody to beat him this year."

ALSO TAKING a medal in the 8-and-under category was Cory Nance, who finished second. Chad Wilson (85 pounds) and Bobby Grammer (175 pounds), who was competing in his first tournament ever, each placed third in the 13-14 age bracket.

Jake Tartaj (85 pounds) placed third in the 11-12 age group, while Larry Meyers (95) and Ben Cook (60) also finished third in the 9-10 age group.

Sтивен Peach (80) was fourth in the 11-12 division, and T.J. Nance was fourth in the 8-and-under weight class. Pat Felgenbutz placed sixth in the 95-pound, 11-12 division, and Justin (see CLUB, Page 4B)

## Red Devils rally, edge Wesclin 72-69

By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

It took a while, but the Red Devils finally turned up their defensive play, and the result was a come-from-behind 72-69 victory over Wesclin before a thrilled home crowd Tuesday.

Venice basketball fans are used to seeing the Devils' fourth-quarter heroics after several late surges last year, and it took another great quarter of basketball to pull one out of the fire.

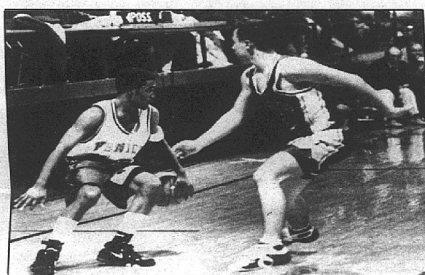
THE DEVILS (1-2) rallied from a 14-point deficit to hand the Warriors the loss. Venice outscored Wesclin

30-13 in the fourth quarter.

Devils coach Clinton Harris said the difference was a full-court press.

"We pressed them the whole second half, and it caused them to make some turnovers," Harris said. "In the first half, we were missing some easy shots, and turning the ball over ourselves. We knew we'd have to pick it up in the second half. We didn't want to lose our third game."

With five of their first six at home, the Devils were in danger of dropping their third straight at home when (see DEVILS, Page 4B)



Venice guard Kevin Roberts looks to get past a defender. Roberts had five points in Tuesday's victory over Wesclin.

## Tigers top foul-plagued Trojans

By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

Madison's Al Collins is a veteran basketball coach, and he has seen a lot over the years. He is not in the habit of pointing out a moral of blame at officiating, but on Tuesday night he saw enough.

The visiting Trojans fell to 4-2 on the season with a 64-50 loss to Edwardsville in a battle of independents.

First, Collins wanted to make one thing clear: "We could have played better," he said. "The kids were fired up for this game, and we didn't quit through the end. But we were at a disadvantage from the start."

WITH BARELY half of the first quarter completed, Madison sophomore Maurice Baker had three fouls, the last of which he took on the bench.

"There were two guys between the official that made the call and Maurice, and he makes the call," Collins said. "The other guy standing right there didn't do anything. I saw the play. It was the cleanest

steal I've ever seen."

"But you can't put all of the blame on the officiating." By the end of the game, Madison had three players sidelined with five personal fouls. Baker, Milan Jones and Jerrold Howard all rode the bench in the final minutes.

THE TROJANS had 16 fouls by halftime, and overall the Tigers were 18 of 35 from the free throw line, while the Trojans were 7 of 13.

"It was worse than playing in Collinsville," Collins added. On the bright side, guard Demond Simms poured in 20 points to lead the Trojans, although no other Madison players reached double figures.

Collins said he got some good play from his bench, as Clifford Burris scored seven points and Brandon McGirt had five.

The Tigers outscored the Trojans in the first three quarters, building a 17-point lead.

COLLINS said he had a nice, long drive home after the game, and was able to clear his mind of the game and start thinking about Madison's next

challenge, the unbeaten Alton Redbirds on Saturday.

"It's going from tough to tougher," he said. "We have to turn our attention to Alton, and the job we have to do."

Another big plus for the Trojans is they will get to play their first actual home game in more than a year Saturday. The gym floor and baskets are finally in place, and after playing their first six games away, the Trojans are looking forward to a home game.

"I'm tired of seeing the green (uniforms)," Collins said. "We're ready to see some white."

"WE HAVE a lot of work to do before Alton, including a lot of shooting. We've been used to the firmy rims all this time, and now they're going to be tight. Come Friday, we'll spend the whole practice just shooting, trying to get used to the rims. But it's probably going to take us a couple of weeks to get used to them."

Collins said again that even with the shooting practice, he'll be telling his team to use better shot selection.



Madison forward Demond Simms had 20 points Tuesday against Edwardsville.

"We took a lot of ill-advised shots against Edwardsville, and we let the refs get to us," he said.

## Freshman grapplers win tourney

By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

Two traditions began last Saturday at Granite City High School.

The first one was the inaugural Granite City Invitational Freshman Wrestling Tournament, which was held at the GCHS annex Saturday morning.

THE SECOND was the freshman Warriors dominating the meet.

Granite City had eight individual champions, and two others placed third, as the Warriors scored nearly 100 more points than their closest competition.

The Warriors placed first with 195½ points, well ahead of second-place Collinsville (97½). Cahokia finished third with 80 points, and Belleville West was fourth with 67 points, barely edging cross-town rival Belleville East (66½).

The three Missouri schools entered in the invitational did not fare as well. St. Charles (55½), McCluer North (44) and Riverview Gardens (0) rounded out the team standings.

INDIVIDUALLY, THE Warriors placed in the top three in 10 of the 13 weight classes.

"It was a very good meet for us," said GCHS freshman coach Mark Whitaker. "We wrestled very well and showed a lot of improvement. The tournament itself went very well, and we had a lot of people in attendance. This is something we'd like to do every year from now on."

Granite City champions included Paul Johnson (103 pounds), Ben Lofink (112), Ryan Worthen (125) and Justin Hale (135) in the lower weight classes.

Picking it up from there were champions Brooks Narvaez (140), Matt Levart (152), Kevin Vienne (160) and Ben Temple (275).

PLACING THIRD at the event were Mark Derossett (see TOURNEY, Page 4B)

### Trivial matters

1. The Collinsville High basketball team entered this season's third straight Southwestern Conference title and ninth in the past 10 years. What was the last team to win the SWC other than Collinsville?

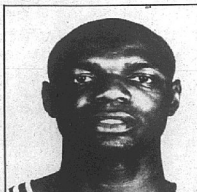
2. Shelbyville entered the year ranked first in the Class A state poll after reaching the state quarterfinals last season. What was the last team to win state after being ranked first in the preseason? Answers at right.

### Community Sports Calendar

#### Baseball tryouts

St. Louis area baseball coaches will conduct tryouts for the St. Louis International Youth Baseball Association to select an all-star team to participate in a World Series in Tokyo around July 23 to Aug. 3, 1996.

Tryouts will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Sunday at Parkway South High School, 801 Hanna Road in St. Louis. Boys born Aug. 1, 1984 or after are eligible. There is a \$10 non-refundable registration fee. For more information, call Madlynn Levin at (314) 532-5515 (daytime) or (314) 532-2484 (evenings).



### Coming up

Shootout teams take aim  
Ronnie Fields (left) and Chicago Farrago will face DeSmet in the final game of today's Coca-Cola/KMOX Shootout.

#### Trivia answers

1. East St. Louis, in the 1992-93 season.
2. Chicago King (1993).



## Hockey

Mid-States Club Hockey Association					Tier II					McCluer North				
Tier I (Red Division)					Red Division					Pattonville				
Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA	Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA	Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
Webster Groves	5-0-0	10	33	9	Francis Howell	3-0-1	7	31	6	McCluer	1-2-2	4	21	22
Parkway South	4-0-0	8	24	7	FL Zumwalt South	3-1-0	6	19	18	Hazellwood West	1-1-1	3	19	35
Parkway West	1-4-2	4	15	37	Howell North	2-1-0	4	16	5		0-0-0	0	10	58
Kirkwood	1-3-0	2	10	21	St. Charles West	0-4-2	2	13	32	Blue Division				
Parkway Central	1-4-0	2	18	31	FL Zumwalt North	0-2-1	1	8	14	Whitfield	5-0-1	11	39	10
Parkway North	0-5-1	1	19	38	Lutheran South	0-7-0	0	8	59	St. Mary's	5-1-1	11	31	19
										Rockwood Summit	4-0-0	8	30	5
					White Division					Clayton	3-2-0	6	26	14
					Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA	Marquette	2-2-0	4	25	12
					Granite City	9-0-0	12	48	13	John Burroughs	1-3-2	4	19	27
					Hazellwood East	4-2-0	8	28	18	Lindbergh	1-2-1	3	11	18

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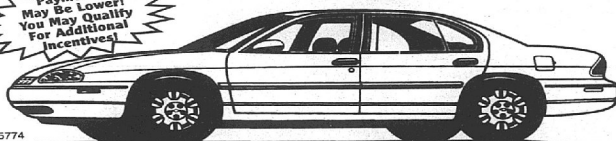
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**Elks U-17 tryouts**  
The Granite City Elks under-17 team, for high school-aged boys born on or before Aug. 1, 1978, is holding open tryouts for the 1996 soccer season.  
Any high school boy under the age of 17 is eligible for the team. Sessions will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7 at the Quad-Cities Soccer Complex.  
Interested boys should bring a birth certificate with a small picture, as well as a soccer ball and shin guards. For more information, call 831-0717 or 931-0114.

**New Year's scramble**  
Arlington Golf Course is holding a New Year's Day Chili Scramble on Jan. 1, 1996. The scramble format will be A-B-C-D player type for four-person teams.  
The cost is \$40, which includes 18 holes of golf, cart, food and drink, plus cash prizes. To sign up now, call 1-800-588-5232.

**International Sports Festival**  
The 1996 International Sports Festival, being held over the Fourth of July weekend, has expanded its sports to include baseball, basketball and volleyball. Teams from Belgium in each sport will be participating.

The IAF is looking for teams or athletes that are 17-18 or 19-24 years old to help host these international athletes and to play in small baseball, basketball and volleyball tournaments in Belleville and Fairview Heights. Exhibition games and clinics will also be held during their stay from July 2-15, 1996.  
The IAF is looking for four local teams in each age group in each sport, and will be inviting teams from four other states. Baseball and volleyball will be held in Fairview Heights and basketball will be held in Belleville.  
Any interested team or athlete should call Kevin Whitworth at (314) 645-5496.

**FAC Sports Camps**  
FAC Sports Camps will hold four different winter camps to help young players prepare for the upcoming baseball season. The camps will be held in the intramural gym at Belleville Area College. Sessions are listed below:

— Jan. 7-9, 5:30-8 p.m.: This is a highly specialized clinic that will work on the fundamentals of hitting. Included will be live hitting, tee work, soft toss drills, bunting and bat control drills. Video tape analysis of each batter is also included. The cost is \$60.  
— Mondays, Jan. 22, 29 and Feb. 5, 5:30-7 p.m.: These

three days will include both hitting and defense work. Each player will spend time on hitting and fielding drills and will learn the fundamentals of fielding and throwing as well as working on offensive strategies. The cost is \$45.

— Wednesdays, Jan. 24, 31 and Feb. 7, 5:30-7 p.m.: This is a specialized pitching clinic. Young pitchers will have a chance to work on their pitching delivery from both the windup and the stretch position. Included will be strategies of holding runners on, drills you can do at home and video tape analysis of the pitching delivery. The cost is \$45.

— Sundays, Feb. 4 and 11, 6-8 p.m.: This clinic will concentrate on hitting, fielding and baserunning strategies. This is designed to help a young player become a complete baseball player and provide him with the knowledge to begin the new season. The cost is \$30.

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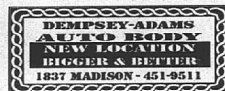
To register or for more information, call 235-2700, extension 371 during the day or (314) 487-2768 in the evening.

**McKendree volleyball**  
McKendree College will host its annual volleyball audition for players for the 1996 season on Saturday, Dec. 9. High school seniors and junior college transfers interested in attending McKendree are encouraged to attend.  
The audition will take place from 9 a.m. until noon in the Melvin Price Convocation Center. Coach Melissa Jones and her current players will be on hand to discuss the program, run drills and answer questions. Members of McKendree's admissions office will also be available for tours of the campus. Parents are encouraged to attend and players should be dressed to play.  
To make a reservation, call 537-6870.

**ASA umpires meeting**  
Umpires from the Metro St. Louis Amateur Softball Association will have a Christmas Party from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10 at the ASA office, 6229 Graves in St. Louis. Umpires should bring an unwrapped toy for needy children.



The EASC Eliminator's, a member of the Edwardsville Area Soccer Club, won the Illinois U-11 state cup title this year. Team members include (front row from left) Christine Keim, Julie Genteman, April Eilering, Jessica Bayne, Emma Soland, Heather Phillips; second row, Tshia Tomlinson, Jenna Shellenberg, Amy Mayes, Abby Bohnenstiel, Lindsay Diak, Ashley Frey; third row, Lindsay Andre, Emily Ligon, Amy Dix, Gina Cusanelli, Chrissy McCauley; back row, coaches Mike Bayne, Jeff Ligon, Tony Frey.



## Eliminators capture state soccer crown

The EASC Eliminator's, an under-11 girls select soccer team from Edwardsville, placed first in the Illinois Youth Soccer Association's state cup championship, held Oct. 14-15 in Rockford.

The state cup, which is held every year in different locations throughout Illinois, consists of a qualifying round and a single-elimination tournament. The Eliminator's kicked off qualifying play in Peoria in September. In Peoria, the Eliminator's defeated the Prairie Strikers of Springfield 8-2 to advance to the state finals in Rockford. After defeating the Panthers of Carol Stream 5-0 in the first round, the Eliminator's defeated the NSA Hawks of Naperville 2-0 in the semifinals. The team had lost to the Hawks in

the 1994 state cup championship game in double overtime.

In the championship round, the Eliminator's faced the Palatine Shamrocks and prevailed 4-2. Through four games, the team outscored opponents 19-4. The Eliminator's made up of Metro East-area players, are coached by Mike Bayne, Jeff Ligon and Tony Frey. Members include April Eilering, Jessica Bayne, Emma Soland, Heather Phillips, Jenna Shellenberg, Amy Mayes, Ashley Frey, Gina Cusanelli and Chrissy McCauley of Troy; Tshia Tomlinson and Amy Dix of Granite City; Lindsay Diak and Emily Ligon of Collinsville; Julie Genteman of Highland; Abby Bohnenstiel of Marine; and Christine Keim of St. Louis.

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## •Devils

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they fell behind by seven at the half.

Poor shooting and loose defense let Weslin pull off an 8-0 run late in the half. The Warriors led by seven at the intermission.

"Things got worse in the third quarter, as runs of 6-0 and 4-0 helped Weslin to a 56-42 advantage entering the fourth period.

But with the shooting of James Buckels (25 points) and Kelta Kennedy (23), the Devils turned things around 180 degrees in the final stanza.

"It was good to see them shoot from the outside so well," Harris said. "It's nice to know you've got two guys who can throw down 20 points in a night. We wanted to work the ball inside more, but their shots just started falling."

Donald Harris scored five points, but more importantly pulled down 14 rebounds — many on the offensive end.

"We really crashed the boards," said Clinton Harris. "That was a big factor. And Kevin Roberts didn't score a lot (5 points), but he hit some big free throws for us down the stretch."

Tom Rakers, a 6-foot-8 center, led the Warriors with 25 points and 12 rebounds.

"They're a good team, and they work the ball around well to get it to their big man," said Harris. "They gave us fits inside all night until we started pressuring them."

The Devils' Friday night game against Sumner has been postponed, and will be played at Dupo on Tuesday night.

Harris said he doesn't know what to expect against the

Warriors. "I even bumped everyone up one weight class, so that makes the results even more remarkable."

Other individual champions included John Smith of Collinsville (119), Nigel Simpson of Cahokia (130), D.J. Merrick of Belleville West (145) and Justin Carver (171) and Mike Vadas (189), both also from Collinsville.

"We did very well, but Collinsville and Cahokia especially had some tough kids," Whitaker said.

Whitaker entered 13 wrestlers in the tournament, many of whom wrestle at the junior varsity level. He said he had seven or eight wrestlers who are still undefeated in their JV matches.

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Tigers. Dupo has recently undergone two coaching changes after former head coach Jim Thompson was dismissed earlier this year.

Vern Perry took over on an interim basis until Dupo could find a permanent replacement.

The school hired Rich King on Tuesday night. "Especially playing at their place, I'm sure we'll get a good game from them."

"It doesn't seem to matter who the players are (at Dupo), they always seem to give us fits," Harris said. "Especially playing at their place, I'm sure we'll get a good game from them."

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## •Lady Warriors

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had Stephanie Brandt back, and she got to play about 12 minutes, so that helped."

McMillan finished with 31 points for the Lady Warriors (3-2), even though she shot just 9 for 28 from the field. The Flyerettes, who advanced to the super-sectional last year, fell to 1-4.

Simpson added seven points for OCIS, while Opp and Tiffany Monroe had six each.

"We played a better defense, and the team is really coming around in that area. Down the road, we'll be playing with some good teams if we can

keep that up," Kraus said.

"And even though Denise scored 31, she's still not shooting the ball real well. When our shots start falling, we'll be even better."

The Flyerettes came out hitting everything in sight, racing out to a 22-12 lead after the first quarter. A better defensive period allowed the Lady Warriors to get within five points (35-30) at the half.

GCHS outscored East Side in the final two periods as well, although the Lady Warriors didn't take the lead until the final quarter.

With McMillan warming up, GCHS crept to within three points by the end of the third quarter, and the lead swayed back and forth until McMillan's deciding bucket.

"Denise scored 31, but every player contributed tonight," Kraus said. "Christina (Short) had only one point, but it was a big free throw; and it was a team effort, and probably the best we've played as a team so far this year."

Brooks was not as pleased with his troops, although he said he sees improvement every time out.

"Offensively, we're getting better, but we still have to concentrate on the defensive side of the ball," Brooks said. "We're just moving quickly enough."

The only major beef Kraus had with his team was the turnovers — the Lady Warriors had 21 Tuesday.

"If we can keep playing the good defense, get our shots to start falling and cut down on the turnovers, we'll surprise a lot of teams this year," Kraus said.

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## HOME GAMES BOLD AWAY GAMES LIGHT

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DECEMBER 21	7:00	St. Charles	A
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## ICE HOCKEY

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NOVEMBER 21	7:00	O'Fallon	H
DECEMBER 21	7:00	St. Charles	A
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## HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

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AMES LIGHT		



### Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for the Madison Community Unit School District #12

I. A Public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy for Madison Community Unit School District #12 for 1995 will be held on December 21, 1995 at 6:45 P.M. at the Board Office, 1707 Fourth Street, Madison, IL 62060.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Dr. Gary Allison, Superintendent, 1707 Fourth Street, Madison, IL 62060, Telephone (618) 877-1712.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 1994 were \$949,507.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 1995 are \$1,076,920. This represents a 13.41% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 1994 were \$303,975.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 1995 are \$313,637. This represents a 3.17% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended for 1994 were \$1,253,482.

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Modrusic, a 1989 graduate of Marquette High School in Alton and a 1993 graduate of Belleville Area College's Police Academy, is a police officer with the Pontoon Beach Police Department.

An April 27, 1996, wedding at St. Mark's Church in Venice is being planned.



(Photo by HAURY COLOR STUDIO)  
Dawn and Fred Campbell

### DeGonia-Campbell

Dawn Michele DeGonia and Fred E. Campbell Jr. were married Feb. 18, 1995, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Maryville by the Rev. Jeff Calahan.

The bride is the daughter of William and Barbara Earlin of Maryville. She graduated from Collinsville High School in 1991.

The groom is the son of Fred Sr. and Viola Campbell of Collinsville. A 1989 graduate of CHS, he is a machinist with Illinois Electric Works Inc. in East St. Louis.

Kym Adams of Maryville attended her friend as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Jennifer and Suzanne Earlin, both of Maryville, and Bridgett Mercer of Collinsville. Alyssa Kinnard of Collinsville was the flower girl.

Ron Campbell of Collinsville stood with his brother as best man. Groomsmen were Shawn Lauth, Dave Brightwell and Scott Jones, all of Collinsville. Craig Miller of Troy was the usher.

Michael Campbell of Collinsville, the couple's son, was the ring bearer. The organist was Chris Loemker of Glen Carbon. Following a reception at the VFW Hall in Collinsville, the couple reside in Collinsville.

### Marriage licenses

The following marriage licenses were issued recently by Madison County Clerk Debbie Salich:

Richard Dale Robertson and Tammy Darlene Turner, both of Granite City.

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## Funeral summary

Area deaths reported in this week's Sunday and Wednesday newspapers include:

**BARR, Denby H., 87**, of Petersburg, Ind., formerly of Granite City, died at 10:15 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, 1995, at Petersburg Health Care Center, Petersburg. Services were Wednesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Charles Pike. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

**BURRIS, Betty L. (Rice), 67**, of Granite City, died at 11:55 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, 1995, at University Manor, Edwardsville. Services were Tuesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Mark Maynard. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

**BUTLER, Audrey Matlock, 82**, of East St. Louis, died Friday, Nov. 10, 1995, at St. Mary's Hospital, East St. Louis. Services were Nov. 17 at Quinn Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, East St. Louis, by the Rev. Leroy Henry. Burial in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County. Arrangements by Officer Funeral Home, East St. Louis.

**DIX, Wilbur Allen, 80**, of Granite City, died at 4:45 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were Monday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Roy Boyer. Burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Edwardsville.

**DUHADWAY, William C. "Billy," 19**, of Troy, died at 2 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, 1995, on Illinois 4, just outside of Lebanon, Madison County. Services were Wednesday at Herr Funeral Home, Collinsville. Memorials to Danny Lee and Josh DuHadway College Fund.

**HAMM, John W., 69**, of Bowling Green, Ky., formerly of Granite City, died at 4:10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1, 1995, at his residence. Services were Monday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City, by the Rev. Glen Sparks. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials to Hospice of Bowling Green in Care of Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City, Ill., 62040.

**JENKINS, Vivian L. (Slankard), 81**, of Panama City, Fla., formerly of Granite City, died Thursday, Nov. 30, 1995, at her residence. Graveside services and burial were Monday in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County, by the Rev. Steven Hurd. Arrangements by Irwin Chapel, Granite City.

**KILBURY, Phillip E., 39**, of East St. Louis, died at 2:32 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, 1995, at Memorial Hospital, Belleville. Services were Wednesday at Herr Funeral Home, Collinsville, by the Rev. Mark Ward. Burial in St. John Cemetery, Collinsville. Memorials to the family of Phillip Kilbury.

**MCAMISH, Gladys D., 78**, of Granite City, died at 3:07 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, 1995, in the emergency room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were Monday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Michael Hart. Burial in Upper Alton Cemetery, Alton. Memorials to donor's choice.

**SCZIGLAK, Frank J., 73**, of Granite City, died at 1:40 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were Monday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Ben Leonard. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

**THOMAS, Carl E., 76**, of Granite City, formerly of Jonesboro, Ill., died at 7:10 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, 1995, at his residence. Services were Saturday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Bruce Rushing. Burial in Lake

View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights. Memorials to Niedringhaus United Methodist Church, Granite City.

**WAGGONER, Mamie K. (Waggoner), 81**, of Granite City, died at 12:05 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, 1995, at her residence. Services were Wednesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Steven Hurd. Burial in St. John Cemetery, Granite City. Memorials to American Heart Association or American Cancer Society.

**WALLACE, Malcolm Brandon, 66**, of Dover, Tenn., died Friday, Dec. 1, 1995, at his residence. Services were Sunday at Sykes Funeral Home, Dover, by the Rev. Melvin Dunaway. Burial in Green Cemetery, Dover.

**WHITE, Kenneth F. Sr., 57**, of Granite City, died at 10:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, 1995, at St. Louis University Hospital. Services were Monday at Werner Chapel for Funerals, Pontoon Beach, by the Rev. Jerry Leibold. Burial in St. John Cemetery, Granite City. Memorials to AMVETS, American Legion or American Heart Association.

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## Horoscope

**Thursday, Dec. 7**  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Staying close to home is wonderfully rewarding. A new acquaintance is likely to spark your curiosity. Offer assistance if you're able. A younger person reminds you that you're very lucky.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). A phone call conveys a positive financial message. If you're asked to call the shots, do so with confidence. Take advantage of your terrific motivation, and make things happen. You're welcomed into a group with open arms.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Tensions dissolve, giving you a clearer perception of things as they really are. Let challenges energize you. Act on principles that intuitively feel right. Be sure you're not acting out of a sense of insecurity.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Create a forum in which you can express your ideas. Maintain a firm grip on your financial reality. Be gentle with criticism. Practice what if you've recently learned from a lover or mate.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). A relationship finally feels like a perfect fit. Ease up on someone who's feeling scattered. Share, and encourage others to share with you. There's safety in numbers today, and you get the most done in a group setting.  
**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Dec. 7). Stay on top of work in January and you'll undoubtedly soar high above your competitors. In February, justice is served and you're the victor either in a legal or social situation. You're most attractive in March and June, and you

may actually have to fight off suitors.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Extra work keeps you on your toes and invigorates you. People are especially receptive to you now, so say what's been on your mind. Outdoor recreation is soothing and refreshing.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Luck surrounds you on all fronts. Change may be the best course to follow at this point. If you're bold enough, you could show off your talents and score big financial points. A relationship benefits with honest communication.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Step into the light and win others over with your charm. Get out of the house, and pool your resources. Do your best to ease tensions before there's a serious problem. Long-range projects are likely to move forward now.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Others respond well if you

speak with conviction. Confront a lingering matter, and resolve it. Act on an innovative idea. People you meet tonight figure prominently in the near future.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you feel something is worth fighting for, pursue it vigorously. A person of the same sex can teach you practical applications to deal money woes. Those with writing talent hit the jackpot.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Be willing to adjust and you'll end up happier than ever. Once you've thought things over, act with confidence. An unusual event boosts your self-image. Make the first move with a fascinating but shy new person.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). When others see that you're organized, they'll want you on their team. Take in a performance or exhibit. Give yourself a bit of a push and you'll resolve any second thoughts you may have had.

## Scorsese's 'Casino' shallow, meandering

A Martin Scorsese movie always is highly anticipated because he remains one of the most intelligent, inventive and compelling filmmakers of today. Why, then, is his latest, "Casino," such a disappointment?

With Scorsese at the helm, a cast headed by Robert De Niro, a mob-Las Vegas theme and writing by Nicholas Pileggi, it should be a winner. Instead, it's a bloated, shallow, meandering celebration of violence with only the thinnest of plots.

"Casino" opens with a bang. Literally. Sam "Ace" Rothstein (De Niro), who has grown from bookie to casino entrepreneur, leaves his house, gets into his car and bang. The car blows up and Ace goes flying.

her beauty and, with nary a thought, marries her after a brief, whirlwind courtship. For a savvy man, Ace turns up dumb when it comes to Ginger. Shortly after they wed, he deposits \$2 million in a safe deposit box, puts the account in her name alone and has only one key made. It is to be his emergency money in case things ever go wrong.

**GINGER, MEANWHILE**, has been giving Lester tens of thousands of dollars and still sees him. Even after Ace discovers her deception, he still remains married to her and he does nothing about securing the safe deposit box. Lester gets beat up, of course, but is allowed to live.

As Ace's relationship with Ginger ends, so does his alliance with Nicky, who has double-crossed the mob bosses. The score is settled in a climactic mass murder scene, played out in like a "Rising Sun." (Anyone remember "The Godfather"?) Scorsese's soundtrack throughout "Casino." The only problem is that the music takes over. The plot is so unimpassioned that it easily begins listening to the great songs — Stones, Cream, early rhythm and blues and top 40 from the '70s — that you ignore what's happening on the screen.

**THE NON-STOP** voiceovers by De Niro and Pesci compete for sound space. Well, all makes for a fast-paced film, which still feels longer than its three-plus hours. Pesci certainly keeps up the machine-gun rhythm with his demented Nicky, who is not much different from the role Pesci played in "GoodFellas." De Niro seems to be the center of the movie. He keeps the film and everyone else, on an even keel, and he's just great — pink socks and all.

Stone is out of her league here. Her histrionics come across as exercises in an acting class. Her drug-alcohol-induced stupors are laughable. Still, Ginger might just be her best performance to date, because she is well directed.

Don Rickles turns up as a casino manager and puts in an excellent but understated turn. Woods is underutilized as the pimp but is always fun to watch. There is much violence in "Casino," and most of it is intrinsic to the script. But its graphic nature becomes somewhat gratuitous.

"Casino" certainly isn't the masterpiece "GoodFellas" was, and it probably is unfair to make the comparison, because "GoodFellas" was driven by a strong and compelling script and had so much more meat. "Casino" was based on the book by Pileggi, who based it on a real-life story.

The Universal Pictures release is produced by Barbara De Fina and is rated R. — Associated Press

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